



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 7, 2012**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, August 7, 2012, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Leffingwell called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Mayor Leffingwell recessed the Council Meeting to go into Executive Session at 9:07 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council went into Executive Session, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel, to discuss matters of land acquisition, litigation, and personnel matters as specifically listed on this agenda and to receive advice from Legal Counsel regarding any other item on this agenda.

- A.1 Discuss legal issues relating to the November 2012 election (Private consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Government Code).

Executive Session ended and Mayor Leffingwell called the Council Meeting back to order at 9:49 a.m.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

- B.3 Approve 3rd reading of an ordinance placing a charter amendment on the November 2012 ballot to provide for some council members to be elected from geographic single-member districts and some council members to be elected at large. (Public comment is allowed) (SPONSOR: Mayor Lee Leffingwell, CO 1: Council Member Chris Riley)
Ordinance No. 20120807-B003 with the following amendment was approved on Council Member Riley's motion, Council Member Morrison's second on a 5-1 vote. Council Member Martinez voted nay. Council Member Spelman was absent. The amendment was to change the third sentence in Section 2, paragraph (G) to read, "If a council member's term is shortened by more than one year for the purpose of the transition, that shortened term does not count as a term for the purpose of Article II, Section 3, of this Charter."
- B.4 Discussion and action on an ordinance placing a charter amendment on the November 2012 ballot to authorize city council to create an independent board to oversee city owned utilities. (Public comment is allowed)
There was a motion to approve the ordinance that was made by Council Member Martinez' motion and seconded by Mayor Leffingwell. Council Member Martinez withdrew his motion.

This item was postponed indefinitely on Council Member Martinez' motion, Mayor Leffingwell's second on 6-0 vote. Council Member Spelman was absent.

- B.5 Approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20120628 - 091 placing a charter amendment on the November 2012 ballot to move the City's general election date from May to November, to provide that council members serve four-year staggered terms, to provide that council elections occur in even-numbered years, and to provide for term limits. (Public comment is allowed)
Ordinance No. 20120807-B005 was approved with the following amendment on Council Member Riley's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Cole's second on a 5-1 vote. Council Member Tovo voted nay. Council Member Spelman was absent. The amendment was to change the third sentence in Part 3 (A)(1) to read, "If a council member's term is shortened by more than one year for the purpose of the transition, that shortened term does not count as a term for the purpose of Article II, Section 3, of this Charter."
- B.6 Approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20120802-013, calling the November 2012 special election to be held on November 6, 2012, providing for the conduct of the election and authorizing the City Clerk to enter into joint election agreements with other local political subdivisions as may be necessary for the orderly conduct of the election, setting the ballot order for the propositions to be presented to the voters, finalizing the wording of the propositions, and declaring an emergency. (Public comment is allowed)
Ordinance No. 20120807-B006 was approved on Mayor Pro Tem Cole's motion, Council Member Morrison's second on a 6-0 vote. Council Member Spelman was absent.
- B.2 Discussion of November 2012 election matters and potential direction to staff.
A brief discussion occurred.
- B.1 Presentation and discussion of proposed November 2012 bond election and potential direction to staff.
The presentation was made by Mike Trimble, Officer, Capital Planning Office. Council asked questions of staff concerning specific projects and expressed support for some on the list; however, no consensus was reached.
- B.7 Discussion and possible appointments to the CAPCOG Criminal Justice Advisory Committee. (Public comment is allowed) (Council Member Kathie Tovo)
This item was withdrawn without objection.

Mayor Leffingwell adjourned the meeting at 12:44 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 16th day of August, 2012 on Council Member Martinez' motion, Council Member Riley's second on a 6-0 vote. Council Member Spelman was absent.